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(Under 37 CFR 1.97(d))**

Docket No.
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In Re Application Of: KITO et al.

Application No. 10/712,056	Filing Date 10/14/03	Examiner L. Tran	Customer No. 30743	Group Art Unit 2853	Confirmation No. 9030
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Title: SURFACE TREATMENT APPARATUS AND IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS

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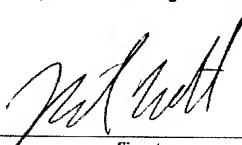
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